



'Scandi' Style 'Tree in a Leaf' Brooch

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Crafters with a stash of buttons, some scrap bits of felt and a needle and thread can make one of these in an afternoon or evening, or even less! Costs pennies to make and looks great on a jacket lapel - you can alter the colours to suit your wardrobe. The stitches are really simple!

Here's what you need:

Scraps Felt in Green and Brown (you'll only need a tiny bit of brown)

A piece of card - cereal packet would do the job

A selection of buttons

Embroidery Thread or sewing thread to match your leaf colour

A brooch pin looks more professional, but a safety pin would do fine

An embroidery needle, medium size

Fabric scissors

Paper scissors

Fabric glue

Marker pen

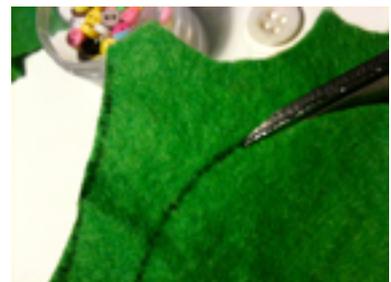
Scrap paper



1. Fold your sheet of scrap paper in half and mark out half a leaf shape on it. When you fold it out, you'll have a symmetrical shape. mine is about 10 cm long, any larger would be a bit big for a brooch, but you could go a bit smaller! Cut it out with your paper scissors, and unfold.

2. Using a marker pen, draw round the template onto green felt and using fabric scissors, cut out two pieces, making sure that you cut **inside** the marked line - you don't want it to show on your finished work!

3. Draw another line about 0.5cm from the edge, inside the card template. Cut it out with paper scissors. Then use it to make a smaller felt leaf in green felt. Set it aside, with the trimmed card template.



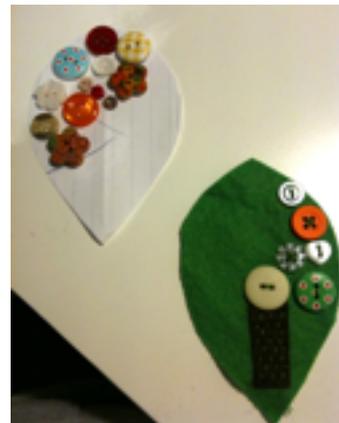
4. Cut out a brown felt tree trunk - mine is about 3cm x 1cm.



5. Use your scrap paper template to lay out your design, like this. When you start working on the front of the leaf, you'll then know where to place the buttons.

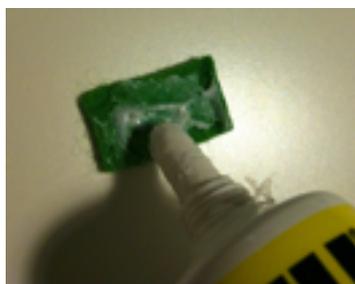
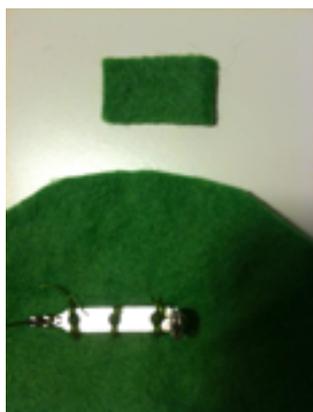


6. I used stranded embroidery thread to sew on the tree trunk and the buttons, separated into two strands, but you could use three, or you could even use sewing thread.



7. Stitch on your tree trunk using simple running stitches, then use the same thread to sew on your buttons. You may want to adjust your design as you work it. It's nice to use a button to cover the top of the tree trunk. Secure your thread at the back of the work.

8. Take your brooch pin and position it on the back leaf - the larger one you haven't stitched yet. Sew in into position. I then neaten it by glueing a green felt patch over the stitches, using a small amount of fabric glue. Let it dry completely.



9. Take your card template and your smaller felt leaf and glue the card onto the leaf, using a small amount of fabric glue.



10. Put your brooch front down on a surface, wrong side up, put the smaller leaf onto the wrong side on the front, with the smaller felt leaf at the front of the brooch and the card template facing you. Spread a small amount of fabric glue onto the card, then line up the back leaf with the brooch pin facing you, and stick it down.

1. Last job is to sew your edges together with either blanket or whip stitches. I used the same colour thread, and tiny blanket stitches.

